(d) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The scholarship rates admissible to hostellers in classes VI to X under the State Sector Scheme of Government of Madhya Pradesh are higher has the maintenance allowance rates for hostellers as admissible for group E courses i.e. classes XI and XII and first year of general courses of graduate level, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(b) The maintenance allowance rates admissible to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations receiving Central Assistance from the Government of India under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are for post matric levels of education i.e. XI standard onwards and are not to be compared to the scholarship rates for any class or category fixed by and State Government. However, the State Governments are free to provide enhanced scholarships to the students pursuing post matric level courses over and above the admissible rates under the scheme from their own resources.

(c) and (d). The rates of maintenance allowance under the Scheme have been revised with effect from 1.7.1989.

Hostels for SC/ST students

2677. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down by the Government for the construction of hostels for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in respect of Plain and hilly areas under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme;

(b) the method adopted for recognition of plain and hilly areas; and

(c) whether the criterion for the hilly areas would be applied to the remote areas of Madhya Pradesh?

MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). The location selected for hostels for girls or boys in a hilly area or plain area is decided by the State Government/U.T. Admn. depending on the local situation. The costs adopted for hilly areas are higher considering the additional cost of transportation of materials, labour etc.

(c) Distance or remoteness is not the criterion.

Fixation of House Tax

2678. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms adopted for fixation of house tax of the houses allotted by the Delhi Development Authority in Delhi;

(b) whether there is any variation in House Tax in respect of self-occupied and rented houses;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that House Tax is a percentage of rateable value of the houses. The rateable value is worked out as under:-

(i) Properties subject to provisions of Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958:-

(a) Self-occupied - 8.25% upto 30.11.88, and 10% thereafter of the cost paid to DDA.

(b) Rented - For a period of five Years, annual rent agreed upon at the time of first letting and thereafter at 8.25% upto 31.11.88 and 10% from 1.12.88 of cost paid to DDA.

(ii)Properties outside purview of Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958:-

(a) Self-occupied - Comparative rents.

(b) Rented - Actual rents.

DDA has not constructed/allotted houses in New Delhi Muicipal Committee area.

Reserve Battalion

2679. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to raise any Reserve Battalion;

(b) if so, the details in regard to the jurisdiction and the deployment of the said battalion;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) whether women are to be recruited in the said battalion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) At present no proposal is under consideration of the Government to raise Reserve Battalion.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Exploration of Small Oil Fields in Gujarat

2680. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission propose to explore small oil fields in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Gujarat have requested the Union Government to permit it to explore these areas; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Out of 27 small oilfiels discovered in Gujarat by 1.1.1991, 10 have been put on production.

(c) and (d). Government of Gujarat has been interacting with the Union Government regarding the exploitation of small oil/gas fields.

[*Translation*]

Grants to Voluntary Organisation in Gujarat

2681. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the voluntary organisations in Gujarat which received grants/financial assistance for welfare activities during the last three years;

(b) the amount of grant/financial assistance received by each organisation during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether these organisations have been submitting their accounts and reports regularly to the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) and (d). Grants are not released unless Audited Statement of Accounts/ Utilisation Certificates are made available.